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SUBJECT: MOROCCO SEEKS 2012-13 UNSC SEAT

The Government of Morocco has informed the Embassy verbally and via diplomatic note (e-mailed to NEA/MAG) of its intention to present itself as a candidate for a seat on the United Nations Security Council for 2012-13. The GOM has requested early notification of support for its candidacy, noting that it seeks to represent the Maghreb in accordance with a rotational schedule worked out previously among the six regional states. Thus far, 35 countries have confirmed their support for Morocco's candidacy, according to the MFA. Please advise how the Embassy should respond.

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